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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO EUROPEAN AREA,
 -- APRIL-MAY 1976

1. THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC), IN PLANNING ITS 1976 OVERSEAS FIELD STUDIES, REQUESTS PERMISSION TO VISIT THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES IN THE EUROPEAN AREA DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 24 TO MAY 8, 1976. TENTATIVE ITINERARY, CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABLE AIRLIFT, FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF PERSONNEL	ETA	ETD
BELGIUM (TO INCLUDE CONSULTATIONS WITH NATO AND USEC)	49	4/24	4/28
SPAIN	9	4/28	5/2
PORTUGAL	9	5/1	5/3
UNITED KINGDOM	9	5/3	5/8
COUNTRY	NUMBER OF PERSONNEL	ETA	ETD
FRANCE	12	4/28	5/2
ITALY	12	5/2	5/8
AUSTRIA	7	4/28	5/2
YUGOSLAVIA	7	5/2	5/7
FRG (INCLUDING WEST BERLIN)	11	4/28	5/8
POLAND	9	4/28	5/3
ROMANIA	9	5/3	5/7

2. PURPOSE OF THE VISITS IS TO COMPLETE STUDY OF KEY UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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ISSUES IN THE FORMULATION AND CONDUCT OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY. GROUPS HAVE IN PAST MET WITH TOP CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND US MISSION CHIEFS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AUTHORITATIVE FIRSTHAND IMPRESSIONS OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTRY AND REGION. ALTHOUGH FIELD STUDY CONCEPT THIS YEAR EMPHASIZES A LOWER PROFILE AND MORE INTENSE FOCUS ON PREPARATION OF "ISSUE" PAPERS, NWC HOPES SIMILAR TOP-LEVEL MEETINGS WILL REMAIN APPROPRIATE AND OF ADVANTAGE TO US MISSIONS IN MANY COUN-

TRIES.

3. VISITS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND COORDINATED WITH THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES, WHICH WILL NOT CONDUCT INDEPENDENT OVERSEAS VISITS THIS YEAR BUT WILL SEND FIVE STUDENTS IN COMPANY WITH THE NWC GROUP TO PURSUE INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECTS. REQUEST FOR THEATER CLEARANCE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO USCINCEUR.

4. NWC GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 49 MEMBERS OF 0-5, 0-6, GS15/16, FSO-2/3 LEVELS, WHO WILL DIVIDE INTO FIVE SEPARATE GROUPS AFTER DEPARTURE FROM BRUSSELS. THE FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO COORDINATES ALL ACTIVITIES, IS COLONEL JOHN SCHLIGHT, USAF, TELEPHONE (202) 693-8587/88/89. GROUPS INTEND TO TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, OR MILITARY AIRLIFT WHERE AVAILABLE.

5. EMBASSIES WILL BE REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN THE VISIT AND COORDINATION OF THE PROGRAM, I.E., OFFICIAL VISITS, BRIEFINGS, BILLETING, AND SOCIAL ASPECTS, WITH FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER. EACH EMBASSY WILL BE REQUESTED TO ASSURE APPOINTMENTS OF THE VISITING NWC GROUP WITH TOP OFFICIALS INCLUDING MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

6. SOME NEARBY POSTS MAY BE ASKED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO HOST EMBASSIES TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWPOINTS. SIMILAR BRIEFINGS IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. MISSIONS WILL BE INFORMED LATER AS TO THIS POSSIBILITY.

7. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE NAME AND TELE-
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PHONE NUMBER OF THEIR PROJECT OFFICERS, WITH INFO COPY TO COMMANDANT, NWC, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN COUNTRY PROJECT OFFICER AND NWC FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS REQUESTED.

8. LETTER TO CHIEF OF MISSION WILL AMPLIFY CHANGES IN FIELD STUDY EMPHASIS AND LETTER FROM NWC EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROJECT OFFICER WILL INITIATE DISCUSSION OF PREFERRED SCHEDULE ARRANGEMENTS.

9. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IN VISIT, OR COMMENTS, AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WITH COMMANDANT, NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL TRAFFIC. FURTHER REQUEST YOU SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL IF VISIT IN YOUR JUDGMENT POSES NO PROBLEM.

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